GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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CROSSING THE INDIAN OCEAN THROUGH PADDLE BOAT
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian youth has paddled across the Indian Ocean from Mumbai to Djibouti in the Southern Africa for the first time in a paddle boat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to accord due recognition to this achievement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATIRAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An Indian youth, Shri Sher Dhillon, accompanied by Mr. Jason Lewis, an Englishman, have travelled on board their boat without sails and without motor for 47 days and about 3000 kms. across the Indian Ocean from Mumbai to Djibouti during March 2007.

(c): Government have instituted the `Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards` which cover such achievements on land, air and water. This achievement may be considered in making selection for the Awards this year, subject to the completion of the required formalities.